

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

TRIBUTE TO U.S. ARMY PRIVATE FIRST CLASS CAMERON PAYNE

HON. KEN CALVERT

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 14, 2007

Mr. CALVERT. Madam Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to a hero from my congressional district, U.S. Army Private First Class Cameron Payne. Today on Flag Day, as we honor the history of "Old Glory," I ask that the House of Representatives also honor and remember this incredible young man who died in service to his country.

Cameron grew up in Corona, California where his wife, children, mother and brother still reside. Private First Class Payne enlisted in the Army in 2005 and was a man with goals for his life and his family. Private First Class Payne completed basic training at Fort Benning, Georgia and was stationed at Fort Riley. He was deployed to Iraq in February and on Monday, June 11, 2007 Private First Class Payne was killed by an improvised explosive device in Baghdad, Iraq. He was 22 years old.

In reading about Cameron's life, I was impressed by his devotion to family. The Press Enterprise describes a man that cared very deeply for his mother and brother. Private First Class Payne was also a proud and loving husband and parent. He dreamed of moving his new family to the Seattle area. He leaves behind his wife Julie and two daughters, Annaleese and Kylee. He also leaves behind his mother Jackson and brother Cody.

As we look at the incredibly rich military history of our country we realize that this history is comprised of men, just like Cameron, who bravely fought for the ideals of freedom and democracy. Each story is unique and humbling for those of us who, far from the dangers they have faced, live our lives in relative comfort and ease. When the Payne family learned of Cameron's passing, it was probably the hardest moment the family has ever faced and my thoughts, prayers and deepest gratitude for their sacrifice goes out to them. There are no words that can relieve their pain and what words I offer only begin to convey my deep respect and highest appreciation.

Private First Class Payne's wife, children and family have all given a part of themselves in the loss of their loved one and I hope they know that their husband, father, son and brother, the goodness he brought to this world and the sacrifice he has made, will be remembered.

LORRAINE MILLER'S HISTORIC APPOINTMENT

HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 14, 2007

Mr. RANGEL. Madam Speaker, I stand today to acknowledge the significance of Lor-

raine C. Miller's appointment as Clerk of the U.S. House of Representatives for the 110th Congress. Her accomplishment as the first African American and the first woman of color to serve as Clerk of the House is unprecedented. As a member who has admired her work, respected her professionalism and considers her a friend, I am honored to acknowledge her historic appointment.

Although Ms. Miller has served the U.S. House of Representatives for nearly 20 years, her passion for public service began long before she came to the Hill. After graduating from Texas State University in 1975 with a Bachelor's degree in political science, Ms. Miller returned to her home town in Fort Worth, Texas to work in the public school system as a high school teacher. While Ms. Miller appreciated the value in her position as an educator, she possessed a strong desire to work in government. For 10 years she consistently sent written requests to work in Congressman Jim Wright's office. Her persistence availed and she worked with Congressman Wright for over a decade, gradually working her way to being his executive assistant when he became Speaker of the House. Ms. Miller has also worked as a facilitator with House Speaker Tom Foley; as senior advisor to Congresswoman NANCY PELOSI for the past 6 years; and with various federal agencies and initiatives. She is also an active member in her church and has been President of the Washington Branch of the NAACP since 2004.

Ms. Miller has demonstrated an outstanding commitment to public service and leadership in legislative responsibilities. While her recent appointment as Clerk of House is an addition to her many accomplishments, it is truly a monumental and historic occasion. Since the inception of the Office of the Clerk in 1789, no African American or woman of color has ever possessed its title and responsibilities. Under Congresswoman's PELOSI's recommendation, Ms. Miller has broken through barriers and has set new standards for women and people of color. It is a privilege for me to recognize her achievement.

IN RECOGNITION OF SAINT ANDREW UKRAINIAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 14, 2007

Mr. KUCINICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today in celebration of Saint Andrew Ukrainian Catholic Church of Northeast Ohio, and to acknowledge the vibrant spirit of its parishioners.

Since its 1967 dedication to the late Reverend Mitred Dmytro Gresko, Saint Andrew Ukrainian Catholic Church has been an active community institution in Northeastern Ohio. At a time when communities struggle to maintain their connections, Saint Andrew has sponsored social gatherings that have brought

neighborhoods and families together. Saint Andrew's commitment to community involvement has created many valuable relationships between the church and local organizations.

Saint Andrew's has been the backbone of the people and has cultivated kinship amongst strangers. It has shared the joys of our family and friends, and has lifted our sorrows. Saint Andrew Ukrainian Catholic Church has provided a sanctuary for the vulnerable and displaced among us. It has been a political and spiritual leader during an unpredictable time in our nation's history. The clergy of Saint Andrew Ukrainian Catholic Church are admirable religious leaders who strive to grow with the community and continuously offer guidance that fulfills the needs of their parishioners.

Madam Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honoring Saint Andrew Ukrainian Catholic Church, for the many years it has brought us together and the countless services it has offered to the community.

TRIBUTE TO THE GREATER SEATTLE SERVICE LEAGUE

HON. JAY INSLEE

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 14, 2007

Mr. INSLEE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Greater Seattle Service League, GSSL, for their commitment to raising funds and awareness for Childhaven, a Seattle-based organization dedicated to breaking the cycle of child abuse. The organization uses scientifically-supported programs to protect and treat children through 5 years of age while simultaneously providing counseling and education to victims' families. Childhaven currently operates four Seattle-area branches to reach people around the City. Anyone who visits the Childhaven facilities will see firsthand the miracles that can be established by the caring and proven efforts at Childhaven.

The GSSL began in 1979 as a group of recent college graduates committed to making a difference in the community; they have subsequently grown into a philanthropic force in the Seattle area. GSSL and Childhaven have been in partnership for 27 years. For the past 18 years, their yearly Hoopaholics fundraiser has allowed basketball enthusiasts to play a few games, raise money for Childhaven at the same time, and hear about the power of mentoring by committed people like Mike Pierson. Since its inception, the \$300,000 that has been raised through Hoopaholics has gone toward continuing day-to-day program operations, furnishing the new Broadway Center and purchasing vans, books, furniture, and playground equipment for other branches, among other purposes. GSSL is truly a valued partner of the Childhaven Treatment Centers, and the efforts of its mentors are greatly appreciated.

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